



# SUFFOLK NAVIGATOR



February - April 2012

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Dear Suffolk County Council Scouters,



Greetings and Happy New Year to you all as we begin a new year in the Suffolk County Council!

I am truly honored and delighted to serve as your Council President and to provide you with my Scout pledge that I will *"do my very best!"*

I'm very fortunate to be following in the footsteps of Council President Rudy Santoro. The time, talents, energies, wisdom, and dedication that Rudy has provided to the Suffolk County Council and our youth has been tremendous and so very much appreciated. Thank you for

all that you have done and will continue to do for Scouting, Rudy. A Scout salute to you, Rudy.

We can all be pleased and proud of the "Program" we offer our youth and leaders within the council that involves so many of our board members and leaders. We are very fortunate and grateful to have our Council Commissioner, Dot Young, continue with her position this year. Dot and her staff is top-shelf – something we can all be proud of, indeed.

We are also fortunate to have such a loyal and dedicated professional staff and team within our organization. We thank our Scout Executive, Dirk Smith, for providing his leadership, time, and skills to all the staff members, teams, board, Scouts, and leaders. Thank you, Dirk.

Lastly and most importantly, I wanted to take this time to thank YOU – for what you do for Scouting and the youth of our council. Without you, we would not be able to teach our youth the values of our program: the outdoors, leadership, and character building. The positive impact that you have made – and will continue to make on our youth, will positively influence them to become leaders in education, government, and business for years to come. While many things have changed in our world and country over the years, the solid values of character building,

leadership, moral values, and outdoor skills have not changed over the 102 years of Scouting in the USA. We thank you for preserving these values and skills with our youth and happy 102 years of Scouting across America.

With the teamwork of all of our unit and district leaders, our professional staff, Dot Young and the entire commissioner team, along with Council President Rudy and the entire Executive Board, it is my pleasure to announce that our council has achieved the "Gold" status in our Journey to Excellence. Working together has really paid off for the youth of Suffolk County once again. Well done, team!

I am looking forward to working with many of you as we continue the journey to offer a quality Scouting program for the youth of Suffolk County. I am open to your ideas, concepts, and thoughts and may be reached at anytime via email, [president@sccbsa.org](mailto:president@sccbsa.org).

While we are already at such a high plateau in Scouting in Suffolk County, may the very best in Scouting be yet to come, built on the strong foundation that has been constructed.

Thank you for all that you do for Scouting and our youth!



Past Council President Rudy Santoro (right) congratulates Mark Businski (left) after being installed as the new Council President.

In Scouting,

Mark R. Businski  
Council President

## Silver Beaver Award Recipients Announced

All members of the Scouting community are invited to attend an evening of food and fellowship to celebrate Scouting and the presentation of the Silver Beaver Award.

The Silver Beaver is the highest award a local council can bestow on a Scouter. It is our pleasure to honor their efforts for Scouting, our youth and your community with this award.

The 2012 Suffolk County Council Silver Beaver Award recipients are: Gregory Aylmer (Matinecock District), Kevin Basso (Sagtikos District), Teresa daLuz (Matinecock District), Donna Dunn (Benjamin Tallmadge District), Rickie Hollborn (Sagtikos District), Patrick Mauro (Trailblazer District), William Plume (Trailblazer District), and Peter Scavo (Trailblazer District).

The Venturing Leadership Award will be presented to Nina Kelly (Benjamin Tallmadge District).

The awards will be presented at the Suffolk County Council Annual Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday evening, March 28, 2012 at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook. See details below and on the council website ([www.sccbsa.org](http://www.sccbsa.org)).

## 2012 COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Wednesday, March 28, 2012 • Villa Lombardi's, Holbrook

Gathering & Fellowship Reception at 6:00 PM (Cash Bar)  
Dinner at 7:00 PM

Ticket Price: \$44.00 / Person or \$84.00 / Couple  
After March 23, 2012: \$49.00 / Person or \$96.00 / Couple

Reservation cut off is Noon, March 26 – or earlier if capacity is reached.  
NO Walk-ins!

Reservation form is available on the council website ([www.sccbsa.org](http://www.sccbsa.org))

## Golf Outings to Benefit Scouting in Suffolk County

Council Golf Outing – Monday, June 18, 2012 : Port Jefferson & St. George's CC  
Special Needs Golf Outing – Tuesday, August 7, 2012 : Wind Watch CC

Love to play golf? Need a nice summer day away from the office? Maybe 2 days off. Then join us for a great day of golf, food, and fellowship while we raise funds to bring Scouting to even more youth in Suffolk County and support our special needs Scouting Division. (Don't worry, we won't tell your boss!) Invitations and details for both golf outings will be available early spring and will be posted to the council website: [www.sccbsa.org](http://www.sccbsa.org).

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## Fall 2012 Popcorn Fundraiser

**Popcorn Kickoff Events - Tuesday, August 28, 2012 & Wednesday, August 29, 2012**

**Show N Sell Orders Due – Monday, September 10, 2012**

**Show N Sell Distribution – September 21 & 22, 2012**

**Show N Sell Product Return – Sunday, November 4, 2012**

**Take Order & Prizes Due – Monday, November 5, 2012**

**Take Order Distribution – November 16 & 17, 2012**

**Popcorn Payment Due – Monday, December 3, 2012**

### Council Popcorn Kernel

**Lauren Vlachos @ 924-7000 ext. 137 • lvlachos@bsamail.org**

**For more information contact a Kernel or visit:**

**www.sccbsa.org • www.trails-end.com**

### District Popcorn Kernels

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### Support the United Way and Scouting – Donor Designate!



The Suffolk County Council is a partner agency of the Long Island United Way. The council does receive funding through other United Ways from individuals who designate their contribution to go to Suffolk County Council, BSA. When making your United Way pledge where you work, remember Scouting. Designate some or all of your pledge to the Suffolk County Council.

**www.  
sccbsa  
.org**



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SUFFOLK COUNTY  
COUNCIL, BSA

Suffolk County Council

Boy Scouts of America

### CALVERTON NATIONAL CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY FLAG PLACEMENT GOOD TURN

All Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Venture Crews, Explorer Posts, and Scouting families are invited to participate in the annual flag placement at Calverton National Cemetery on Saturday, May 26, 2012. Calverton National Cemetery is off of Route 25 in Calverton, NY.

The event begins at 9:30 a.m. when units, at their pre-assigned areas of the cemetery, place **U.S. GRAVESITE FLAGS** at each grave to recognize and honor our military men and women. At 11:00 a.m., following the placement of flags, all Scouts and families are invited to participate in a short ceremony and enjoy refreshments. Units are expected to return the following **Saturday, June 2, at 9:30 a.m.** to remove the flags and place them in bundles for storage for the following year.

This event is sponsored and coordinated through *The American Legion Pearl Harbor Memorial Post No. 1941*. For more information, contact the Suffolk County Council Service Center at 924-7000 or Frank Bailey, Council Calverton Memorial Day Chairman at 732-4529.

**EACH PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A 2012 COMMEMORATIVE PATCH**

Section assignments & additional information will be mailed to you on or about May 1<sup>st</sup> after you complete and submit your participation form below to Suffolk County Council, BSA:

**This form is due by April 15, 2012 to insure your unit will receive a section to work.**

Mail to: SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL, BSA Fax: 924-7145  
7 SCOUTING BOULEVARD  
MEDFORD, NEW YORK 11763

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Pack # \_\_\_\_\_ Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ Crew # \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate number of participants: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you wish to be teamed with another particular Pack or Troop? If so, which Unit? \_\_\_\_\_. Are you requesting any particular section to work at Calverton National Cemetery? \_\_\_\_\_

Unit contact person NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Very Important! ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Print

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ Print, NY ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Print

**THIS IS A "RAIN OR SHINE" EVENT**

## 2013 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

The Suffolk County Council will be sending 180 youth to the 2013 National Scout Jamboree. Space is limited and openings are filling up fast. Sign up now before it's too late. For more information or to register, please visit [www.sccbsa.org](http://www.sccbsa.org).

The Summit Bechtel Reserve is the newest high-adventure base in Scouting. It is the permanent home of the National Scout Jamboree, and will be the site of the 2019 World Scout Jamboree. Through outdoor action sports and experiential learning programs at world-class facilities, The Summit fosters achievement, adventure, and innovation in Scouting.

The Summit property is on 10,600 acres adjacent to the New River Gorge National River area in West Virginia. This area provides access to incredible outdoor terrain in the Appalachian Mountains, which includes some of the world's best whitewater rafting, rock climbing and mountain biking.

# Friends of Scouting

The prizes, recognitions, frisbees and FREE rank advancement are back for 2012!

Thank you to all the packs, troops, crews and posts that participated in 2012 Friends of Scouting presentations. You are important and it is appreciated. We are off to a great start!

If you have not scheduled your unit presentation, please call Scout Executive Dirk Smith at the council service center, 631-924-7000 ext. 112. Friends of Scouting is very important to the Boy Scouts of America. Let's shoot for 100% participation and thank you again!

## GETTING TRAINED

As nearly every leader now knows, Youth Protection training is a prerequisite to becoming a registered leader in the Boy Scouts of America. For 2012, the BSA now lists the following requirements to be considered "Trained" and entitled to wear the "Trained" patch with the related position. Complete Youth Protection training and also the Leader Specific training for your registered position.

Also, for Boy Scout leaders and Webelos leaders, you should take the outdoor training needed for your youth position, either Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos leaders or Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills for Boy Scout leaders.

Also of importance is updating your training. For the Journey to Excellence incentive of the Boy Scouts of America, a leader's training needs to be current. Many parts of the BSA curriculum have changed and the training offered even as recently as four years ago does not cover the new program elements. You need to take the new training. That includes all Boy Scout leaders as well. Life skills are great, experience is valued, but training is constant. Please get trained.

## Suffolk County Council Activities Spring 2012

### Annual Scouting for Food Campaign

**Saturday, March 24, 2012 Bag Collection/Food Distribution Day**

Last year Scouts collected more than 80,000 lbs. of food for local pantries and shelters in Suffolk County. Times are tough and Suffolk County residents need our help. We need everyone to participate in this Good Turn for America and for Suffolk County. This is a great service project for Scouts young and old.

Collection bags, generously donated by King Kullen supermarkets are available now for pick up at the council service center in Medford. If your unit plans to donate directly to a pantry please submit a report with unit information, poundage of food, and receiving pantry to Lauren Vlachos via email at [lvlachos@bsamail.org](mailto:lvlachos@bsamail.org). You may download a collection form at [www.sccbsa.org](http://www.sccbsa.org).

### Newsday Field of Wheels Car Show

**Saturday, May 12, 2012 @ Newsday, Melville**

Join us on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Long Island Pinewood Derby Championship held at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Newsday's Field of Wheels Exhibition & Show. This FREE event will showcase various makes, models, classes and years of vehicles from across Long Island. Demonstrations will be held on everything from stereo installs to airbrushing! A variety of exhibitors, music and attractions for the kids will ensure that there is something for everyone! Please be sure to check out the council website at [www.sccbsa.org](http://www.sccbsa.org) for up-to-date details about the event. More information will be available at roundtables in March & April.

## Flag Placement – Calverton/Long Island National Cemeteries

**Saturday, May 26, 2012**

Thousands of Scouts and others in the community will gather to pay their respect to those who have served our country. Join them in this awe-inspiring good turn to help decorate the gravesites at Calverton and Long Island National Cemeteries. You will need to return the following week to assist with the collection and storage of the flags. Information and signup fliers can be downloaded at [www.sccbsa.org](http://www.sccbsa.org).

## Support our Troops Supply Drive

The Boy Scouts of America and OnSight Support are collaborating to conduct a supply drive to support the Troops. Supplies collected will be distributed to those serving overseas and at home. Since 2004, OnSight Support has been working with local organizations to collect supplies, collate, and ship those supplies to Troops in the U.S. as well as overseas. Please bring all donations to the Memorial Day Flag Retrieval events on Saturday, June 2. A truck will be onsite to collect all donations.

**Date:** Saturday, June 2, 2012 @ The Memorial Day Flag Retrieval Event

**Location:** Calverton and LI National Cemeteries

**Phone cards** will be distributed to resident Vets at the Northport VA Hospital.

**Personal Hygiene and Health items** should be lightweight, small, portable and unscented. **School supplies** will be forwarded to active troops as a good will gesture for local children.

**Please avoid perishable items and those that melt such as chocolate or candy.**

## Flag Retirement Ceremony

**Saturday, June 16, 2012 9:00AM - Noon**

**H. Lee Dennison Building, Hauppauge, NY**

Patriotic Americans fly their American flags a great deal, and some of those flags have become torn and tattered. The Suffolk County Council will properly retire Americans flags at a ceremony on Saturday, June 16, 2012. Flags can be retired in the name of an individual, group, ship, aircraft, platoon, air wing, etc.

All units are encouraged to come out and represent Scouting in Suffolk County. Units should arrive around 9:00am to help separate and fold flags and assist with setup. The ceremony will commence at 9:30am. More information will be available at the council website [www.sccbsa.org](http://www.sccbsa.org) and May Roundtables.

## Long Island Lizards Game

**Saturday, June 23, 2012 @ Hofstra Stadium**

Long Island's Professional Lacrosse Team invites all Scouts to a great day of activities and lacrosse. There will be a physical fitness clinic starting at 4 PM with lots of activities for the Scouts and the game against the Denver Outlaws will begin at 7 PM. All Scouts will receive a patch. Check out the council website at [www.sccbsa.org](http://www.sccbsa.org) for the information flier or contact Lauren Vlachos at [lvlachos@bsamail.org](mailto:lvlachos@bsamail.org).

For more information about any of these activities please contact Lauren Vlachos at 924-7000 ext. 137 or [lvlachos@bsamail.org](mailto:lvlachos@bsamail.org).

# SAVE THE DATE



2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL LONG ISLAND  
PINWOOD DERBY  
CHAMPIONSHIP

NEWSDAY FIELD OF WHEELS  
CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012  
MORE DETAILS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE SOON

BE SURE TO CHECK THE  
COUNCIL WEBSITE AT  
[WWW.SCCBSA.ORG](http://WWW.SCCBSA.ORG)

# CAMP

## CAMPING AT BAITING HOLLOW SCOUT CAMP

### WINTER CAMP

February 19 - 24

This is the ninth year that Baiting Hollow will be offering a winter camp during the school winter recess. Boys will sleep in cabins and eat all meals in the heated dining hall. Activities and merit badges offered are different from those offered during the summer. Aviation, Woodworking, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Geology, Electronics, Radio, and First Aid merit badges are being offered.

The program for the week will include time to work on three merit badges and enjoy some free time activities. The cost of the program is \$265.

A list of merit badges being offered will continue to be updated on the camp website at: [www.baitinghollowscoutcamp.org](http://www.baitinghollowscoutcamp.org)

### SPRING CAMP

April 9 - 13

It's a week of camp with all the excitement of summer camp, just a little earlier. Come with your troop or join our provisional troop. There will be merit badge opportunities and open time activities. Please check the camp website: [www.baitinghollowscoutcamp.org](http://www.baitinghollowscoutcamp.org) for merit badge offerings.

Scouts will stay in cabins or tents. Tents and cots will be provided by the camp in one of the campsites near the dining hall. All meals will be prepared and served in the dining hall. The trading post will be stocked with snacks, merit badge books, Scouting items and camp souvenirs.

Space is limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Please register early. The cost of the program is \$265.

### FAMILY CAMPING

Family Camp is the opportunity to bring the entire family out to camp for the weekend. Mom, Dad and all your siblings can come out and participate in all of the activities that the camp has to offer. Boating, climbing, archery, BBs and rifle are just some of the activities that await you.

Memorial Day	May 25th - 28th
July 4th	July 3rd - 8th
Labor Day	Aug 31 - Sept 3rd
Columbus Day	October 5th - 8th

### BAITING HOLLOW DAY CAMP

This summer, Baiting Hollow Scout Camp will host another exciting nine weeks of day camp! Join us for a week or the whole summer and participate in many different activities while you are there. No two weeks are exactly alike! The day camp program starts at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 4:00 p.m. Before and after care is available at NO additional cost! Lunch and snack are included.

Baiting Hollow Scout Camp offers an exciting and fun-packed program. Our trained shooting sports instructors have safety as their top priority while the boys complete the requirements for their Archery and BB Belt Loop. Waterfront activities at Baiting Hollow include swimming, boating and a day at the beach. All campers will have their swim level evaluated and will only be allowed to swim in the area that meets their ability. For science, campers will get messy while doing fun experiments. In addition, each camper will complete a different project each week during their sessions at arts and crafts. Games and sports will help teach the boys about rules and teamwork which are important life lessons for social interaction. Lastly, see who can be the fastest to the top of our 32-foot climbing wall.

### TWILIGHT CAMP

Twilight camp will run every Thursday evening from 4:30 pm when day camp ends, until 9:00 pm that evening. This is an additional program for a fee of \$25.00. The boys will go fishing and earn the Fshing belt loop. They will eat dinner around a campfire while the staff performs a campfire show. The evening will conclude with a marshmallow roast. We are offering this program in an effort to help parents with their busy schedule as well as to provide some different outdoor camping opportunities to our Scouts.

We are excited about this program and are looking forward to some great memories that will be made! This new program is for those Scouts who are at the day camp and would

like to stay a little longer that day.

### WESTERN CUB DAY CAMP

We make Cub Scout fun happen all over Suffolk County. Western Cub Scout Day Camp is an adventurous place for Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos. It's a week filled with lots of exciting activities including archery, swimming, crafts, sports, nature, science and much more. Experience all of the summer fun and excitement that awaits you at Western Cub Day Camp. Come be part of a great adventure this summer, learn cool stuff, make new friends and have lots of FUN.

Western Cub Day Camp offers the most complete outdoor program available and all locations and programs have received national accreditation ratings from the Boy Scouts of America.

If you've experienced the fun and excitement of Western Cub Day Camp before, then WELCOME BACK. If you have not attended Western Cub Day Camp, then this is your chance to join in on the fun and be a part of the greatest experience Scouting has to offer.

Western Cub Day Camp starts at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 4:00 p.m. Before and after care is available for additional \$25.00 per week/per camper. Before care begins at 8:00 a.m. and after care is until 5:00 p.m.

Week 1 July 9th - 13th	Hoyt Farm
Week 2 July 16th - 20th	TBD
Week 3 July 23rd - 27th	TBD
Week 4 July 30th - August 3rd	Centerport Beach
Week 5 Aug 6th - August 10th	Centerport Beach
Week 6 Aug 13th - August 17th	Centerport Beach

## Blue and Gold Dinners

Where is your pack having its Blue & Gold Dinner in 2012? Why not hold it at camp? Our recently renovated Dining Hall is a great place to have a party and what better place to be with your Cub Scouts than at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp?

In the last several years, hundreds of packs have enjoyed their special event with us. We provide everything needed for a great Blue & Gold - table settings, paper goods and great food with kid friendly menu items! There is plenty of room for your entertainment or presentations - we even have a bridge you can use for your ceremonies - and all set-up, serving and clean-up is provided by our staff.

For the months of February and March, 2012 we are offering 5 opportunities each weekend to book your Blue & Gold celebration.

Friday nights • Saturdays at 11am & 4pm • Sundays at 11am & 4pm

Stop by and see a Blue and Gold this year.  
We're sure you'll want to have yours with us next year!

For more information call Nina Kelly 924-7000, ext. 130

## BAITING HOLLOW SCOUT CAMP NEEDS LIST

<u>2x4x8</u>	<u>Copper pipe and fittings</u>
<u>1/2" plywood</u>	<u>PVC pipe and fittings</u>
<u>3/4" plywood</u>	<u>Shower stalls</u>
<u>Roofing shingles</u>	<u>New toilets</u>
<u>Tar paper</u>	<u>Shovels, rakes, brooms</u>
<u>Nails - screws</u>	<u>Gravel</u>
<u>Paint</u>	<u>Wheelbarrels</u>
<u>Cement</u>	<u>Doors, windows</u>
<u>Electrical wire</u>	<u>Hot water heater</u>
<u>Electrical boxes and fittings</u>	<u>Stockade fence and posts</u>
<u>Circuit breaker panels</u>	<u>Home Depot gift card</u>
<u>Light bulbs</u>	

If you can assist in securing any of these materials for camp, please contact Nina Kelly at 924-7000 ext 130.

## Benjamin Tallmadge District

District Chairman Pat Kelly – (631) 821-9087;

Email: pat@stallarcenter.com

District Commissioner Gerri Alfano – (631) 382-2414;

Email: gacommish@aol.com

District Director James Grimaldi – (631) 924-7000 x121;

Email: jgrimald@bsamail.org

### SPRING CAMPOREE

Join us as we look forward to some exciting spring events! Both the Spring Camporee and the Cubs For Cubs event will come together over the April 27-29 weekend at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp.

The theme for the Boy Scouts will be, "Taking Aim". Stations will be geared toward sharpening outdoor skills, which should prove to be a fun event. The theme for the Cub Scouts is "Medieval Times." Packs should sign up to handle a particular booth, participate in the Tiger Parade and use their artistic skills in the ongoing patch design contest. The Webelos will be able to camp overnight with the troops in attendance; a great opportunity for them!

### DISTRICT DINNER

The District Dinner Dance is scheduled for Saturday, May 5th. One of the highlights of this dinner is the awarding of our district awards – The "Spark Plug", Certificate of Merit and the District Award of Merit. We need YOUR nominations! Please go to our website – [www.btdistrict.org](http://www.btdistrict.org) and download the nomination forms and mail them to Frank Bailey and the Awards Committee. Let's take the time to recognize the adult volunteers in your unit that help run a successful program.

### MEMORIAL DAY GOOD TURN

Memorial Day weekend will bring our annual Good Turn at Calverton National Cemetery. Units from all over our district will converge at Calverton on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> to place gravesite flags at all sections of this National Cemetery. Scouts will return the following Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, to pick up the flags for storage until next year. Take the opportunity to teach your Scouts about honoring and respecting the military heroes that served our country and helped to keep us free. Download the participation form at [www.btdistrict.org](http://www.btdistrict.org) and click on the "Events" page.

### BT'S WINTER CAMPOREE – 2012

Our Winter Camporee, held at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp from Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, was the only district winter camporee that included snow! Five inches of snow began falling Friday night and continued all day Saturday.

Although the theme of the camporee was "The Amazing Race", the snow did not slow down the Scouts at all. Twelve troops and one Venturing crew, nearly 300 participants, enjoyed getting from station to station and completing the activities. Even making lunch was a scored activity based on the calorie count of the prepared meal. Other stations included a two-man saw, the caterpillar walk, bear bag preparation, and everybody's favorite – the sled race. Additional pictures can be seen on our website: [btdistrict.org](http://btdistrict.org)

The Scouts learned a great deal about winter camping at this camporee while having a tremendous amount of fun!



The Suffolk County Council Base Camp Committee is still forming and all are welcome to be a part of this "In the Community" Marketing Campaign. Volunteers are needed to assist with logistics and program development. If you are interested in participating in this initiative or learning more about securing Base Camp for an upcoming community event please contact Lauren Vlachos at 924-7000 ext. 137 or [lvlachos@bsamail.org](mailto:lvlachos@bsamail.org).



### 2012 POPCORN FUNDRAISING EVENT!

In 2011, BT District units put over \$160,000 into the Scouting program through the sale of Trail's End Popcorn.. Thank you to those units for participating and supporting Scouting. If your unit did not make a commitment for 2012 Sale, do not delay!

#### Be part of the SUCCESS in 2012!

Contact BT District Popcorn Kernels  
Donna Dunn (631)495-0031, [donnadunn@aol.com](mailto:donnadunn@aol.com).  
Nancy Pallino, [hobbess8798@optimum.net](mailto:hobbess8798@optimum.net)

### F.D.R. Division

#### Special Needs Scouting

Senior District Executive Lauren Vlachos  
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## SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012

WIND WATCH GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, HAUPPAUGE

JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY OF GOLF, FOOD, AND FUN  
(LOTS OF PRIZES & GOODIES) WHILE  
SUPPORTING THE SPECIAL NEEDS SCOUTING DIVISION.  
PLEASE CONTACT LAUREN VLACHO  
AT [LVLACHOS@BSAMAIL.ORG](mailto:LVLACHOS@BSAMAIL.ORG)  
OR 924-7000 EX.T 137 FOR MORE DETAILS.

## Matinecock District

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### CALENDAR

#### March

- 1 Commissioner staff meeting
- 8 Leaders roundtable meeting
- 8 Order of the Arrow Nissequogue Chapter meeting
- 14 Den Leader & Webelos Den leader position specific training
- 15 Matinecock District annual elections
- 21 Cubmaster & pack committee position specific training
- 24 Trainers Edge training
- 24 Scouting for Food collections
- 28 Council Fellowship Dinner

#### April

- 4 Commissioner staff meeting
- 6 Good Friday - service center closed
- 19 Leaders roundtable meeting
- 26 District committee meeting
- 28 District Pinewood Derby

#### May

- 3 Commissioner staff meeting
- 10 Leaders roundtable meeting
- 10 Order of the Arrow Nissequogue Chapter meeting
- 17 District committee meeting
- 18-20 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills training
- 24 District Recognition Dinner

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations are in order to Boy Scout Troop 12, chartered to the United Methodist Church of Huntington/Cold Spring Harbor, for hosting an outstanding Polar Bear camporee. Despite a definite lack of snow (nobody saved any of last year's), nearly 500 Matinecock Scouts and leaders had an outstanding experience at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp the weekend of January 27, 28 & 29, 2012.

## PINEWOOD DERBY IS COMING

Packs are reminded that the Matinecock District Pinewood Derby is coming up on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Initial information will be available at the February leaders roundtable meeting.

## DO A GOOD TURN

The effects of economic problems are felt by many of our neighbors in Suffolk County. Scouts throughout the council will do their part to help alleviate some of these effects through the annual Scouting for Food collection.

Matinecock District has always been a leader in this effort and again on March 24<sup>th</sup> we will be participating in this council-wide GOOD TURN to the community. Make sure your unit is a part of this effort.

## COMMISSIONER STAFF CHANGES

Welcome to Scott Dammers who has been appointed by the council executive board as district commissioner for Matinecock District. An Eagle Scout, Scott has been a den leader, Webelos den leader, assistant Cubmaster and as assistant district commissioner.

John Davis, who has served as district commissioner for the past four years, will continue in unit service to the Matinecock District as a unit commissioner.

Thank you John, for your past leadership and the support you will continue to provide to Scott and the district.

## MATINECOCK DISTRICT IS AGAIN THE LEADER

Matinecock was the only district in the council to have an increase in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers at the end of 2011. That means more family than ever are receiving the benefits of Scouting. Thank you to all Matinecock units who made this achievement a reality.

## WELCOME TO THE MATINECOCK DISTRICT

Welcome back to Cub Scout Pack 189 in Melville. This pack has been revived as a part of the Matinecock Scouting family and is providing Cub Scouting to boys attending Sunquam and Signal Hills Schools in the Half Hollow School District.

## FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Last year, Matinecock District led the Suffolk County Council in support of the council through the Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign, raising a total of \$48,110. Seventeen units exceeded their unit goal and, as a result, are receiving 12 months of free rank advancement patches.

Nearly every unit participated and in 2012, we have a three-part goal. (1) Surpass the \$43,000 target, (2) have every Matinecock District unit participate and, (3) complete the campaign by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

We are already off to a great start. Our pacesetter is Troop 165, with this year's first presentation to parents producing over 250% of the unit goal!

Make sure you schedule your presentation early by contacting John Nowak (extension 113) or Elaine Gray (extension 127) at the council service center (631-924-7000). The FREE advancement patch program, for units meeting their goal begins April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR FUN!

Cub Scout Fun Day is coming up. Activities will include a bicycle safety rodeo, rain gutter regatta, and much more! Date is Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and details will be available at the March leaders roundtable meeting.

# www.sccbbsa.org



## THE OFFICIAL WEB SITE OF SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL, BSA

# UNIFORM EXCHANGE PROGRAM

**(We are a Scouting Family, We Work Together )**

*Donated items are like gold to those that do not have.*

BRING ANY UNIFORM ITEM OR ACCESSORY  
TO ROUNDTABLES OR  
GIVE A CALL FOR ITEMS TO BE PICKED UP

\*CUB SCOUT ITEMS GREATLY NEEDED\*  
\*We have sleeping bags available\*  
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THESE ITEMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED  
TO SCOUTS WHO ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD TO  
PURCHASE OFFICIAL SCOUT UNIFORM ITEMS.

ALL NAMES OF SCOUTS AND FAMILIES WILL BE KEPT  
CONFIDENTIAL. THEIR PAYMENT WILL BE TO DO A  
GOOD TURN.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE TO RECEIVE OR DONATE  
UNIFORMS, CONTACT:  
SAGTIKOS DISTRICT: KELLY 592-9112/ evabridgesrocks@  
aol.com  
TRAILBLAZER DISTRICT: KATHLEEN 767-4990  
ALL OTHERS CONTACT: DONNA 736-5518 donnadunn@aol.  
com

*ANY SCOUT THAT WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE OR  
NEEDS A FEW SERVICE HOURS, CONTACT US.*

## The Warren W. Roser Memorial Eagle Scout Scholarship

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
DEADLINE – MARCH 16, 2012**

### Procedures

The Eagle Scout applying must

- Complete the application personally.
- **Enclose only items requested** (no biographies, resumes, or supplementary list of activities).
- **Answer all questions on the application.**
- Include on each attachment the applicant's name and social security number.
- Submit all attachments with the application form to ensure that all items are available for review at the same time.
- Address complete application to: Suffolk County Council, BSA; Warren Roser Scholarship; 7 Scouting Blvd.; Medford, NY 11763
- **FAXES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION.**
- Be advised that only those applications postmarked after February 1 but no later than midnight on March 11 and received by March 16 will be considered.
- Be advised that applications become the property of the selection committee and will not be returned to the applicant. The selection committee will, in writing, inform all applicants of its decision.
- Only one application submission per Scout is permitted.

### Requirements

All applicants must:

1. Have attained the rank of Eagle Scout, or have verified that their application for that rank has been received at the national office.
2. Preference will be given to those being a member of the Trailblazer Council, Suffolk County Council at the time the application is submitted.
3. Be a graduating high school senior entering a post secondary school in the year that the scholarship is applied for.
4. Provide with the application a personal letter of intent to attend school, a statement of his Scouting involvement and commitment, two written recommendations from friends or employers, and a written recommendation from his current unit leader.
5. Be willing to allow his name and picture to be used in recognition of his selection for the scholarship in local newspapers, Scouting website and newsletters, and at his school's graduation awards event.
6. Attend, if possible, the next Eagle Scout Recognition dinner as the guest of the Eagle association.

### Applicant's Information (Please type or print in black ink)

(Is address new since earning the award? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_)

#### Full Name

First Middle Last

#### Home Address

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of High School Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Eagle Scout Board of Review Date \_\_\_\_\_

Troop Number \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Troop \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_

### Scouting Record

List leadership positions held: \_\_\_\_\_

List BSA National Awards or Memberships earned: \_\_\_\_\_

List any staff positions beyond your local unit involvement \_\_\_\_\_

### School Activities

Name of high school/preparatory school \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

School activities \_\_\_\_\_

### Other Activities

List community and/or church activities \_\_\_\_\_

### College plans

In order of preference, list three colleges/schools to which you have applied or plan to apply:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What do you plan to do when you are graduated from the college/university/school: \_\_\_\_\_

### Authorization

I hereby authorize the Selection Committee permission to contact any of the recommendation names given with this application. I also grant the committee permission to publicize the awarding of this scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I have read this application and it has my approval.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Father or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Mother or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## WILLIAM H. SAMPLE MEMORIAL SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2012

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTERED IN TROOP \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**A. TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP, YOU MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Be a registered Boy Scout, Venturer or Explorer active in your unit.
2. Be a senior in high school.
3. Be accepted by either a two or four year college.

**B. TO APPLY, THE INDIVIDUAL MUST SUBMIT A WRITTEN STATEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Describe how you have demonstrated leadership skills in Scouting and in your personal life.
2. Describe how you exhibited involvement in your community service.
3. As you reflect on your Scouting experience, what lesson(s) have you learned to help you throughout life.

**C. TWO (2) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:**

1. One from your unit's Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Post Advisor or Committee Chairperson.
2. One from your high school principal.

**MAIL APPLICATION TO:** Suffolk County Council, BSA  
7 Scouting Boulevard, Medford, NY 11763

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** POSTMARKED BY MAY 29, 2012

**NOTE:** IF SELECTED, YOUR SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED IN PERSON AT THE ANNUAL WILLIAM H. SAMPLE MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING ON JUNE 18, 2012. THE SCHOLARSHIP IS \$1,000. THE CHECK WILL BE PAYABLE TO THE COLLEGE YOU ATTEND.

## Sagtikos District

District Chairman Gary Gravesandy - (631) 236-5333;

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Email: [gilbert.johnson@va.gov](mailto:gilbert.johnson@va.gov)

District Executive Michal Dluginski - (631) 924-7000 ext. 131; (631) 905-9110;

Email: [mdlugins@bsamail.org](mailto:mdlugins@bsamail.org)

### CALENDAR

- 3/6 District committee meeting and annual elections— 351 Brook Avenue, Bay Shore
- 3/7 Youth Protection Training
- 3/10 District Pinewood Derby
- 3/13 Roundtable
- 3/20 Commissioner staff meeting
- 3/21 This is Scouting training
- 3/27 Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting
- 3/31 BALOO Training
  
- 4/3 District committee meeting – 351 Brook Avenue, Bay Shore
- 4/10 Roundtable
- 4/13 Annual District Fellowship Dinner
- 4/17 Commissioner staff meeting
- 4/20-22 District Spring Camporee
- 4/24 Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting
  
- 5/1 District committee meeting – 351 Brook Avenue, Bay Shore
- 5/8 Roundtable
- 5/15 Commissioner staff meeting
- 5/22 Order of the Arrow Chapter meeting

### PLUS ONE SUCCESSES

In the Fall of 2011, units were challenged to reach a membership goal of Plus 1. That meant recruiting and retaining Scouts so that their unit had at least 1 more member than the previous year. The following units have earned the Plus 1 recognition for 2011. Packs: 38, 60, 99, 112, 153, 154, 205, 279, 383, 498, and 1421. Troops: 25, 104, 153, 179, 205, 207, 277, 284, 327, 370, 508, 780, and 1634. Crew: 762.

Congratulations, and thank you for keeping Scouting strong.

### DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The March 6, 2012 meeting of the district committee will include the annual district elections. If you are being considered as a member of the committee or a member-at-large, you will receive a letter informing you of your inclusion, and must contact the district to confirm your interest in inclusion on the district committee. You will also need to complete an adult application with your position as a member of the district committee or member-at-large included on it.

The election is open to all district committee members and chartered organization representatives. If you have an interest in being included as a member of the district committee, please contact the nominating committee chairman, Karl Fritch at [KRitch@aol.com](mailto:KRitch@aol.com), or Senior District Executive Michal Dluginski at [mdlugins@bsamail.org](mailto:mdlugins@bsamail.org).

### WINTER WEATHERED CAMP-O-REE

A big applause to the hardy Scouts who weathered the sudden winter storm we had in January to attend the Winter Camp-o-ree at Schiff Scout Reservation in Wading River. The January 20-22 event included skills that challenged Scouts to find markers using a map, to a game of sightless guiding, and fire building. The weather did, unfortunately, cover the skies, which resulted in the Scouts being unable to take advantage of the planned star gazing, but we will invite the astronomy experts to another camp-o-ree to give Scouts a guided glimpse of the cosmos.

Special kudos to the Scouts of Troop 1 who spent both weekend nights hunkered down in tents. They got extra points for tough winter camping. We hope their boots are finally warm and dry.

### SPRING FLING IS APRIL 20-22, 2012

No, we don't mean a trip to Florida with your college friends. We're

talking about the district's Spring Camp-o-ree, which will take place April 20 to 22 at the Longwood Estates, Longwood Road, Middle Island.

We get to use this great estate location once again. And, just like last time, you get to launch something far. That's right: trebuchet and catapult building is back. Can your unit best the others in the building of an authentic launcher that will send your projectile the farthest?

To complement the theme, get your medieval on. Dress the part. Medieval firebuilding? What could that be? Can your unit build a siege ladder? Which patrol can design the coolest coat of arms? Which troop will rule the field?

Why plan to go camping elsewhere in April, when you can join the fun and comradery of the purpose of Scouting? Come to the March roundtable, or go online to [scbsa.org](http://scbsa.org), find the sign up flyer and register today.

### SPRING IS RECRUITMENT TIME

Your troop is looking for new Scouts. Your pack should not be planning a summer slumber. The time to recruit is now. Open your doors to new youth and transitioning Webelos. Contact the council service center for recruitment materials and let's plan together to be stronger for 2012.

### SAGTIKOS DISTRICT CHAIMAN MESSAGE

Thanks to all units who helped raise money last year! It is now time to get your unit's FOS presentation date, presenter name and unit coordinator name. Your unit's FOS materials will be available for all packs, troops, and crew for pick up at the March 2012 Roundtable meeting. Please remember, the key to success has been having good promotion, a strong presentation and diligent follow-up to make sure every family hears the message and has the opportunity to support our great programs.

I also would like to thank everyone that helped make last year's fall recruitment a success. We could not have done this without your time and effort. Please let the district leadership know if there is anything else we can do to meet your recruitment needs. And don't think that recruitment can only happen during the seasonal round-up. Keep bringing in those new Scouts! Share the outdoor experience this winter by bringing some of your Scouts' friends to your next campout, or invite a few new guys to attend your next unit meeting or court of honor and show them the great opportunities open to them in Scouting. It's never too late to recruit.

Your contributions of time and resources are valuable and greatly appreciated!

Gary X. Gravesandy Sr.  
Sagtikos Distinct Chairman

### MESSAGE FROM THE SAGTIKOS DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

We have a good year behind us. The fall activities (recruiting) went very well as did the winter camping. With a little guidance, our new units are continuing to grow and function well. Overall, the district has shown excellent performance and is on its way to another outstanding year. Congratulations and thank you to everyone for your efforts. Keep up the good work in recruiting interested and curious individuals to join us. I think they'll enjoy themselves.

We have some additional camping activities as well as some pinewood derbys coming up this spring. We also have an opportunity to raise some additional funds through the selling of peanuts. More information is available at the council office on this. Everybody stay together, stay safe, and I'll see you out there.

Gilbert D. Johnson Jr.  
Sagtikos District Commissioner

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## Trailblazer District

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## TRAILBLAZER'S ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP DISTRICT DINNER

The Trailblazer District held its annual fellowship district dinner at St. Rosalie's Church in Hampton Bays on November 19, 2011. We had a great turn out – over 100 friends came to celebrate the evening with us. Everyone enjoyed the evening with amazing food, music, and fellowship. Many thanks to Joanne Schneider and her wonderful staff for all of their hard work in preparing such a delicious menu.

It was the perfect opportunity for everyone to enjoy the evening with friends and family, and to celebrate our volunteers. We had a dedicated committee to organize this event: Allen Schneider, Fran Colello-Walsh, Jerry Buckley, Ellen Gherardi, Joanne Schneider, and Dr. Louis Scotti. We're looking forward to our next district dinner!



## DISTRICT AWARDS

We've had several of our dedicated volunteers and leaders receive the coveted District Award of Merit and the Spark Plug Awards. The District Award of Merit is presented to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. It is awarded annually to a registered Scouter who had rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both. This year Trailblazer District presented this award to James Gherardi, Stephen Kesner, Mary Scotti, Thom Speckenbach, and Father Matteo.

Spark Plug Awards are presented for service given to Scouting through a unit or the operation of the district. The recipient must be a volunteer Scouter registered in our district for at least two years, and nominations come from the local units. This year's recipients are Carol Perillo and Melissa Ballas from Pack 138, Kim Matteo and Nick Gianikos from Pack 270, Ellen Gherardi and Mary Bishop from the District, Lawrence McGinn and Vincent Picone, Jr. from Crew 272, Joanne Schneider and Tim Hanna from Troop 483, Adam Antera and Chris Pierre from Pack 607, Patricia DiPippa and Edward Ludewig from Troop 138, Thom Jones from Pack 363, Joe Balcarcel and Dave Anderson from the commissioner staff, Ruth Bayse from Troop 76, Theresa Dellasalle from Pack 272, Aleida Buzzitta from Pack 1439, Lenny Schnall and Michael Vultaggio from Troop 221, Tom Nanos and Tim Behringer from Troop 58, Deanne Kelledy and Anthony Lucidi from Pack 91, Jennifer Samuelson and Christiane Gustella from Troop 2004, Ed Champ and Freddy Grosskopf from Pack 221, and Jodiann Pekar and Brian David from Troop 9

Congratulations to all of our winners!



## WINTER KLONDIKE CAMPOREE

The Trailblazer District held its Winter Klondike Camporee at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp on January 13- 5. The theme was Back To Basics and 268 Scouts from 19 troops competed in 12 events which included the ever popular "Jiffy Pop Challenge", sling shots, "snapper" fishing, ax yard, semaphore, first aid, compass, air rifles, obstacle course, blind-folded maze, wilderness survival, and R U Smarter than a Tenderfoot. The temperature was

cold, but unfortunately we had no snow. However, we were still able to have our Klondike sled races Sunday morning. At the closing ceremony on Sunday, Troop 9 was awarded the Klondike Camporee Lantern.

## TRAILBLAZER SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Scouting for Food Bags are in and will be available at Roundtable meetings and at the council service center.

I AM ASKING ALL UNITS TO PLEASE GET INVOLVED! There are too many families here in Suffolk County that are in NEED of FOOD. I just need to know your unit number, how many pounds collected, and the name of your pantry where you will be dropping your food. LET US MAKE THIS FOOD DRIVE THE BEST IT HAS EVER BEEN.

If you have any question call Patti Tariol at (631) 772-8081

## TRAILBLAZER DISTRICT CUB SCOUT TRAINING

With winter and the Scout year half over, our thoughts turn to Spring and what your plans are for the coming year. Will you stay in your current position or will you be stepping into a new one? If you are taking on a new position in your pack, now is the time to think about the position specific training you will need for September. There are three scheduled dates for Cub Scout Specifics training. The first one is Monday, March 19, 2012 at St. Paul's Church in Patchogue. The second one is Thursday, March 22, 2012 at Southampton Middle School in Southampton. And the last one is Saturday, April 21, 2012, location TBD. So check your calendar and plan on joining your fellow Scouters at an informative, fun training experience where you get to ask, share, and learn what to expect in your new position.

Is your pack planning any camping? Do you need leaders trained in Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation? BALOO Training is Saturday, March 10, 2012 at the Holtville Ecology Center in Holbrook. It is a full day of training covering equipment, cooking, safety, and much more to make your camping experience one you and your boys will want to do again and again. BALOO trained leaders are required for packs to go camping.

Be the BEST you can be – Be Prepared and Be Trained. Thanks for giving your time and talent to our youth...it is appreciated.

Registration flyers can be found on the Council website at scbsa.org or you may contact Robin Sconzo, Trailblazer Cub Scout Training Chair, at stmom215@aol.com.

## THE DOUG MCKAY MEMORIAL PATCH



This past summer we lost a great Scouter. Many of you were fortunate enough to know Doug McKay, better known as Akela the Indian. Remember his Top of the Mountain presentation at both Arrow of Light and Eagle award ceremonies all over Suffolk County. Doug optimized selfless service to others. He was always available at a moment's notice to come to a ceremony to instill his knowledge and unique presentation to a new generation of Scouts.

In his honor, we have created a limited edition memorial patch.

All of the proceeds from the sale of the patch will go to sending Scouts to summer camp that would not be able to go due to limited means. Our goal is to continue to issue new designs (patch collector alert) once all 200 of these are gone to keep Doug's spirit alive. The cost for the patch is only \$5 and will be available at roundtable meetings, or you can contact Chris Heyen of Troop 136 in Montauk at Cheyen722@yahoo.com.

## DISTRICT COMMISSIONER MESSAGE...

### The Motto

By definition a phrase meant to formally summarize the general motivation or intention of a social group or organization.

In Scouting we have defined ours:

### **BE PREPARED**

The motto was highlighted in book by Hilary Saint George Saunders'- *The Left Handshake: The Boy Scout Movement during the War, 1939-1945* with each chapter extolling the motto with the chosen words are: **Bravery, Enterprise, Purpose, Resolution, Endurance, Partnership, Assurance, Reformation, Enthusiasm and Devotion.**<sup>[6]</sup>

Our great nation also has an outstanding motto –

### **E Pluribus Unum**

The United States of America defacto motto until 1956 was suggested in 1776 by Pierre Eugene du Simitiere to the committee responsible for developing the seal. The phrase is similar to a Latin translation of a variation of Heraclitus's 10th fragment, "The one is made up of all things, and all things issue from the one." ...

Originally suggesting that out of many colonies or states emerge a single nation, in recent years it has come to suggest that out of many peoples, races, religions and ancestries has emerged a single people and nation. Wikipedia.com 2012

Look at the scouting program and how it reflects this US motto as well how as individual contributions by Scouts of all races, religions and ancestries,(units, district, councils) create a youth program that is emerging as the premier program in the country.

We have the opportunity reach out to many more and bring them this program. As Scouts move up and achieve higher success they are the ambassadors of the future of the program. Prepare them and encourage them to keep scouting alive in the community.

A Scout is Reverent. A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

# Relationships



## JEWISH COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

The Suffolk County Jewish Committee on Scouting (SCJCOS) is very busy this time of year. We are planning for between 17-19 Scout Shabbats (Sabbaths) at various temples all over Suffolk County (dates listed below). We have already hosted 2 of these events, at Temple Beth David in Commack on January 6 and at Mastic Beach Jewish Center on January 27. These events are open to all

Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, Girl Scouts and military, all of whom are encouraged to wear their uniforms. All those attending in uniform receive a beautiful patch and colorful certificate free of charge. The remaining dates and locations are listed below.

On Sunday, February 26, we will be holding our annual SCJCOS Recognition and Awards Breakfast at Temple Beth Chai in Hauppauge. Here Scouts, Scouters and family members are welcome to join us in recognizing youth members who have earned the Scouting religious emblems of the Jewish faith this past year. They will be presented with a special commemorative gift. Details below.

Our final and largest event of the year will be Jewish Committee on Scouting's 2012 Annual Conclave. This event will be held at Baiting Hollow Scout Camp on April 20-22. The SCJCOS takes pleasure in inviting all Scouts and Scouters to its annual Conclave. There will be counselors and leaders to provide guidance towards earning merit badges and religious awards of all faiths. All food is included from Shabbat (Sabbath) dinner through Sunday breakfast. Hope to see you at one of these events. All are welcome!

### HOLD THE DATES:

**SCJCOS Meetings** – Temple Beth Chai, 870 Town Line Road, Hauppauge: February 13, March 12 and April 16.

**SCJCOS Annual Recognitions & Awards Breakfast** – Temple Beth Chai, 870 Town Line Rd. Hauppauge: February 26, 10 AM – 12 Noon

**JCOS Northeast Regional Conference** – Kellman Brown Academy, 1007 Laurel Oak Rd., Voorhees, New Jersey: March 18. The fee is only \$36 and includes all materials, a handsome patch, morning snack and lunch.

### Suffolk County Jewish Committee on Scouting Annual Conclave

Friday April 20, 5 PM through breakfast, Sunday, April 22, 2012. This year's theme, NATURE. Merit Badge Midway, non-stop eating, patch included. Religious award counselors for Jewish, Catholic, Lutheran faiths. Family camping (Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts must be accompanied by a parent.)

### Scout Shabbats:

2/17, 8 PM	Dix Hills Jewish Center (631-499-6644)
2/24, 8 PM	Congregation Beth Shalom, Babylon (631-587-5650)
3/2, 8 PM	Bnai Israel Reform Temple of Oakdale (631-563-1660)
3/23, 7:30 PM	Sinai Reform Temple of Bay Shore (631-665-5755)

For additional information and paperwork on all the above events, contact Mr. Bruce Streger (631-981-0453); or Barry Kopeloff (631-331-9460, [dodey48@optonline.net](mailto:dodey48@optonline.net))

**EAGLE / SILVER AWARD / QUARTERMASTER / SCOUTS** – Invite us to your Court of Honor and receive a certificate and patch. See contacts below.

**FULFILL THE 12<sup>th</sup> POINT OF THE SCOUT LAW** – Earn your Jewish religious emblems MACCABEE/ALEPH/NER TAMID/ETZ CHAIM. For information on these awards, or JCOS events, contact Chairman Barry Kopeloff (631-331-9460; [dodey48@optonline.net](mailto:dodey48@optonline.net)).

SUFFOLK JEWISH COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE REPRESENTATIVES listed below will be happy to help you.

Matinecock District	Phyllis Stein	631-265-1841
Benjamin Talmadge District	Barry Kopeloff	631-331-9460
Trailblazer District	Bruce Streger	631-981-0453
Sagtikos District		

### WEBSITES:

Suffolk Jewish Committee: <http://www.templebethchairofhauppauge.com/scjcos.aspx>  
National Jewish Committee: <http://www.Jewishscouting.org>



## CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

### PRE-REGISTRATION of Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII CANDIDATES

Pre-registration of Scouts working on the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII Religious Emblems is requested. Please contact the Catholic Scouting Office (516-678-5800, ext. 245 or [scouting@drvc.org](mailto:scouting@drvc.org)) as soon as possible.

### 2012 SCOUT SUNDAY / SCOUT SABBATH PATCH

The newly designed Scout Sunday / Scout Sabbath patch will be available to those who attended a religious service to celebrate the BSA's Birthday. Scout Sunday is on February 5, 2012. The cost is \$ 1.75 per patch plus postage. For information, contact a member of the Catholic Committee or the Catholic Scouting Office.

### BOY SCOUT PILGRIMAGE TO THE SEMINARY

The Boy Scout Pilgrimage to the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington will be on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 12 noon to 5:00 PM. Scouts working on the Ad Altare Dei religious emblem will find the Pilgrimage most helpful in completing Chapter 7, Holy Orders, in the Ad Altare Dei manual. All will tour the seminary, meet a seminarian, learn about the daily life of a seminarian, and visit the refectory for a snack. The day will conclude with Mass at 5:00 PM in the seminary chapel. Parents, drivers and families are invited to attend this Mass. More details to follow.

### CUB SCOUT FUN AND FAITH DAY – “Journey with Jesus”

The Catholic Committee's special faith day for Cub Scouts will be on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at St. Patrick Church, Bay Shore from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon. Let us all “Journey with Jesus” at Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum and Jerusalem. Learn about the traditions that are part of our Catholic faith. EARLY REGISTRATION is \$ 8.50 each before or on March 27. Payment after March 27 and at the door is \$ 9.50 each. Packs, dens and individual Cub Scouts are welcome. For information, speak to a member of the Catholic Committee or contact the Catholic Scouting Office.

### BOY SCOUT CATHOLIC RETREAT WEEKEND

The Boy Scout Catholic Retreat Weekend is planned for April 20, 21 and 22 at Schiff Scout Reservation, Wading River, NY. The retreat fulfills one of the requirements for the Ad Altare Dei religious emblem. More details will be announced.

### DEADLINES for Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII CANDIDATES

The Ad Altare Dei Emblem Workbooks and the Pope Pius XII Emblem application forms are due at the Catholic Scouting Office on April 27, 2012. The board of review will be on May 19, 2012. Each candidate will be notified of their appointment time and place.

### CATHOLIC ADULT RECOGNITION EMBLEMS

The Catholic Committee offers special recognition emblems, the Saint George (national award) and Bronze Pelican (diocesan award), to adults by nomination, for their involvement in Scouting. The emblems may be presented to any adult who is involved in Scouting under Catholic auspices, to leaders in Scout units not sponsored by the church and to those who have made a significant contribution to Scouting in the field of Catholic relationships. For further information or to obtain nomination forms, please contact the Catholic Scouting Office. Completed forms are due May 1, 2012.

### UNIT RECOGNITION AWARDS

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting offers a special recognition award to Catholic chartered troops for their contributions to Catholic Scouting. The Pope Paul VI Award is the National Catholic quality unit award. To get further information or to obtain nomination forms, please contact the Catholic Scouting Office. In addition, the Diocese of Rockville Centre designates one Pope Paul VI Award troop as the Bishop's Troop. Completed forms are due May 1, 2012.

## BISHOP'S EMBLEM

The Rockville Centre Diocese's Catholic Committee offers a special recognition, the Bishop's Emblem, to older Boy Scouts or Venturers for their impact on other Scouts through good example and observance of the moral principles found in the Scout and Law. This emblem is given on the recommendation of an adult who attests to the Scout's qualifications. A Boy Scout or Venturer (male or female) may be nominated using the form available from the Catholic Scouting Office. Recipients must be exemplary in the practice of the Catholic faith and in the promotion of and participation in Scout activities for Catholic Scouts. The application deadline is May 1, 2012.

## RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS – SCOUTS WITH DISABILITIES

All Scouts are encouraged to participate in the religious emblems programs of the Catholic Committee. Learning about God and self is the prime purpose of these programs. In a case where a Scout finds it difficult to complete certain requirements in a religious emblem, alternate methods and requirements are available. Please contact the Catholic Scouting Office for further information.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For details on any Catholic Scouting event or program, contact a member of the Catholic Committee or call the Austin Cannon, Catholic Scouting Office at 516-678-5800, ext. 245 or email [scouting@drvc.org](mailto:scouting@drvc.org) or write Catholic Scouting Office, Attn.: Austin Cannon, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023. For additional information, please call your Catholic Committee Roundtable Representative:

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## CATHOLIC COMMITTEE WEBSITES

Suffolk Council Catholic Committee Website:

<http://www.ccos-drvc.org>; Sylvia Murdolo, Webmaster

Theodore Roosevelt Catholic Committee Website: [http://trcbsa.org/TRC\\_Program/Religious/TRC\\_Catholic\\_Committee.htm](http://trcbsa.org/TRC_Program/Religious/TRC_Catholic_Committee.htm)

National Catholic Committee on Scouting Website: <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php>

## Newsprint Navigator vs. Electronic Navigator

Dear Volunteers,

The council marketing committee is considering turning the newsprint quarterly Navigator into a monthly digital edition that would be emailed to all registered leaders and Scout families. This would not occur until the Fall 2012. Currently, the newsprint edition is only mailed to registered leaders. As we consider in which direction to move forward, we would really like feedback from our target audience: You, the volunteers.

- 1) How often do you want news from Suffolk County Council?
- 2) Where do you get most of your Scouting information from: Navigator, Website, Roundtable?
- 3) Do you like information printed out or would you prefer digital copy?
- 4) What types of information would you like to see in a monthly Navigator newsletter?
- 5) Would you use embedded links to seek out more details on topics?
- 6) Is there a specific day you would like to receive a digital version in your mailbox?
- 7) Would you print out the digital version to share with others or forward it to them?
- 8) Would you like both a monthly digital version and a quarterly newsprint version?

If you can take the time to answer the following questions and send your responses to Lauren Vlachos at [lvlachos@bsamail.org](mailto:lvlachos@bsamail.org) that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your input.

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get feedback on how well Scouting is doing delivering the program. In order for this tool to be effective, email addresses are needed for everyone. If you have not provided an email address with your application, or it has been many years since you registered, please be sure to give your information to the registration office to add to your personal profile.

## Council Commissioner's Corner

*Welcome 2012 and a new "Journey To Excellence" year.*

Congratulations to Suffolk County Council for attaining Gold status for the 2011 year of our journey. Our districts did an awesome job as well, with 2 earning Gold and 2 earning Silver status. That is a job well done for the first year of our journey.

There have been some changes made to this year's Journey goals, so please be sure to review this for all levels of units, district, and council.

One of the new items is the "Voice of the Scout" which is a marketing tool to

A very BIG Thank You to John Davis from Matinecock District for 4 years of service as district commissioner. John will be stepping aside to serve as a unit commissioner and free up some time for himself.

Congratulations to Scott Dammers who has accepted the role of district commissioner for Matinecock District. Scott has many years of Scouting experience and I am sure he will do a great job. Welcome Scott.

Commissioners, this is a very busy time of year with Friends of Scouting and camp presentations, Blue and Gold events, courts of honor, etc. Please be sure to visit your units and let them know what you can do to help them attain their goals and what great programs we have to offer in Suffolk County Council.

One last note. If you did not have the chance to see or participate in "Brunch with Santa" you missed a SUPER event. Kudos to Jim, Dawn, Bill, and all the camp staff who helped put this event together. It was a great success and I am sure by spreading the word it will be standing room only next season.

Keep up the great work you do for the youth we serve and continue the journey.

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**EAGLE SCOUTS**

The Suffolk County Council congratulates the following young men who have recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout:

NAME	TROOP	CHARTER ORGANIZATION
<b>Benjamin Tallmadge District</b>		
Adam E. Swiskey	T6	Rotary Club of Southold
Alexander E. Goerler	T39	Mattituck Fire Department
Zachary Hinsch	T39	Mattituck Fire Department
James B. Steele	T39	Mattituck Fire Department
Landon E. Doroski	T51	Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Greenport
Michael R. Bartels	T214	First Presbyterian Church, Smithtown
Robert J. Agtuca	T229	Middle Country Hibernians, Selden
Conrad H. Buhner	T242	Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 1742, Riverhead
David N. Talmage	T242	Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 1742, Riverhead
Jason C. Peterson	T242	Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 1742, Riverhead
Robert M. Calamia	T301	St. James Lutheran Church, St. James
Robert F. Pinter	T301	St. James Lutheran Church, St. James
Dean C. Bauer	T301	St. James Lutheran Church, St. James
Douglas G. Botto	T349	Rotary Club of Smithtown
Eric R. Damm	T349	Rotary Club of Smithtown
Ian P. McCarthy	T349	Rotary Club of Smithtown
Keith R. Schroeder	T354	BPO Elks Lodge 2138, Port Jefferson Station
Skylar J. Thayer	T377	American Legion Wilson Ritch Post 432, Port Jefferson Station
Michael V. Direnzo	T454	St. Gerard Majella RC Church, Port Jefferson Station
Christopher W. Ingram	T565	Smithtown United Methodist Church
<b>Matinecock District</b>		
Brian J. Contino	T5	St. Anthony of Padua RC Church, East Northport
Christopher Schneider	T5	St. Anthony of Padua RC Church, East Northport
Benjamin J. Kitzen	T12	United Methodist Church in Huntington/Cold Spring Harbor
Michael J. Smitelli	T34	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Huntington Station
Dillon F. Kelly	T78	St. Patrick's RC Church of Huntington
Daniel V. Jiritano	T125	Commack United Methodist Church
Daniel P. Hussey	T125	Commack United Methodist Church
Sean P. Kulsziski	T200	Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 318, Greenlawn
Jacob Zipkin	T309	St. Luke Lutheran Church, Dix Hills
Thomas LaRosa	T409	St. Matthew's RC Church, Dix Hills
William R. Shields	T474	St. Paul's Lutheran Church, East Northport
Kevin R. Chaves	T539	Kings Park Volunteer Fire Department
Michael C. Preite	T539	Kings Park Volunteer Fire Department
Joseph C. Straub	T877	First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn
<b>Sagtikos District</b>		
Vincent M. Coppola	T95	Church of Christ, West Islip
Matthew L. Gillis	T104	American Legion Post 94, Babylon
John T. Zimmermann	T104	American Legion Post 94, Babylon
Louis C. Stitt	T104	American Legion Post 94, Babylon
Daniel E. Cody	T104	American Legion Post 94, Babylon
Daniel Bonventre	T194	American Legion Post 94, Babylon
Grant J. Thorn	T194	American Legion Post 94, Babylon
Christopher R. DiScalafani	T284	Kiwanis Club of Copiague
Michael R. Rinaldi	T383	VFW Wade Burns Post 7279, Lindenhurst
John R. Rinaldi	T383	VFW Wade Burns Post 7279, Lindenhurst
Jake E. McDonald	T383	VFW Wade Burns Post 7279, Lindenhurst
Andrew P. Sharkey	T508	United Methodist Church, Islip
Frank G. DeVeglio	T780	Knights of Columbus-Assumption Council #5232, East Islip
<b>Trailblazer District</b>		
Brandon L. David	T9	St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Ronkonkoma
Kyle J. Heffron	T9	St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Ronkonkoma
Samuel A. McBee	T29	East Moriches Fire Department
Jason D. Rivas	T40	Medford Fire Department
Evan D. Scheuch	T58	United Methodist Church of Southampton

Paul S. Rus	T76	St. John Nepomucene RC Church, Bohemia
Jesse D. Hirsch	T76	St. John Nepomucene RC Church, Bohemia
Christopher J. Pierre	T76	St. John Nepomucene RC Church, Bohemia
Luke D. Febrizio	T76	St. John Nepomucene RC Church, Bohemia
Jonathan R. Chan	T100	Holtsville Fire Department
Michael J. Vultaggio	T221	Sts. Peter & Paul RC Church, Manorville
Brian E. O'Sullivan	T221	Sts. Peter & Paul RC Church, Manorville
Christian P. Westergard	T298	Sons of the American Legion Post 419
Michael Gherardi	T298	Sons of the American Legion Post 419
Xavier Miguel Leonardo Roura	T414	VFW Victory Post 414, Center Moriches
Ryan T. Chiavola	T438	Peace Christian Church, Bohemia
Scott D. Kubik	T439	Nesconset Christian Church
Brendan M. Sheil	T455	Sag Harbor Fire Department
Matthew DiLandro	T483	Hampton Bays United Methodist Church
Timothy P. Biernacki	T566	Lions Club of Lake Grove
Steven T. Cristino	T566	Lions Club of Lake Grove

**IN MEMORY OF**

**Margaret Hughes**

from  
Greg & Linda Robins

**William Somerville**

from  
Donna & Joe Porter & Family

**Patrick J. Carroll**

from  
Mackey & Dom Alfieri

**Douglas McKay**

from  
Mary & Eric Whitehead

**IN HONOR OF**

**Herbert McGrail**

from  
Boy Scout Troop 877



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